

REMARKS

Claims 39-42, 44, 45, 47, 48, 57, 160-162 and 169-182 are pending.

On August 26, 2007, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal and a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time in connection with the subject application.

On October 31, 2007, Applicants submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and a Petition for One-Month Extension of Time. In the Request, Applicants inadvertently omitted a submission.

In the outstanding Notice, the Office indicated that the submitted Request for Continued Examination was improper in that Applicants failed to accompany the request with a submission as required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. In response, Applicants submit herein a second Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (Exhibit A), including a submission in the form of an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and the proper fee. Applicants note that after filing the first RCE, an IDS was filed on November 28, 2007. The IDS filed on November 28, 2007 and the IDS attached herewith (Exhibit B) are Applicants' submission under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c).

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No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. If any fee is necessary, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any additional fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0306.

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EXHIBIT A

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Request for Continued
Examination (RCE)